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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military information from Detaching Month

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 18 May 1954

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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PAGES [REDACTED] ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 6 May 1954, wood camp II, south of Puetzen, was occupied 60 to 70 percent, mainly by tank units. Numerous tanks, SP guns and motor vehicles were seen under lean-to roofs and in the parking lots. The two four-mast radio stations were seen north of the camp as previously.

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2. Local residents stated that, during the last two weeks, tank and artillery units kept arriving at wood camps I and III near Born. The camps were occupied by 15,000 to 20,000 troops. About 200 vehicles were being maintained at the parking lots. No activities other than furnishing of quarters was observed. As the entrance to the wood camp north of Born was heavily rutted by tanks, [REDACTED]

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The gate

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had a fresh coat of paint. Individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the camp. [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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3. On 6 May, buildings Nos 15 and 16 in the Planken area were occupied by about 300 troops. Officers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The transfer of elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div, probably to their previous quarters in wood camp II, was reported in late April by several [REDACTED]. Wood camp III probably was again

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occupied by units of the 19th Gds Mech Div the departure of which from their Lagdeburg post on and after 3 May had previously been reported. [REDACTED]

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Wood camp I may have been occupied by army troops of the Third Shock Army as in preceding years. A departure from Burg of units of the 136th Gds Hvy Tank SF Regt of the Third Shock Army was observed on 2 May. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the wood camp north of Born may be occupied by units of the 7th Gds Tank Div or the Third Shock Army. [REDACTED]

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